



Carbondale Attendance Center and Santa Fe Trail Junior High

**Board of Education Report**

**November 2018**

To: Dr. Steve Pegram, Superintendent and Board of Education

From: Mrs. Kristy Hamit, Principal and Mr. TJ Meyer, Assistant Principal/Activities Director

Date: November 7

Re: November BOE Report

November is short on school days but not on activities for students of all grade-levels.

**Behaviors:** Many students are continuing to display great behavior with 40 students recognized by staff with Positive Office Referrals throughout the month of October. In addition to quite a few detentions and Chromebook suspensions, there were three students who served out of school suspensions and three who served in-school suspensions during the first quarter. At the time of this report four CAC students had served in-school and two students out of school suspensions during the second quarter.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences:** Carbondale had a good turnout for conferences. An average of 90% of students in grades 4-6 had at least one parent meet or phone conferences with their teacher. Most junior high teachers had quite a few parents stop in as well. Hopefully by spring teachers will be ready to try student-led conferences. This fall several teachers did encourage their students to attend along with a parent.

**Sports:** Girls' basketball is in full swing along with wrestling. All basketball teams have a few wins under their belts with the 7<sup>th</sup>-grade A-team being undefeated. Many of the wrestlers have had a great start to their season as well. One 8<sup>th</sup>-grade athlete took first in the A-team division in his weight class at the Emporia meet which was very competitive. The league wrestling meet took place on November 8<sup>th</sup> at Osawatomie.

**8<sup>th</sup>-Grade Holocaust Trip:** Each year the 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students learn about the Holocaust era in reading and social studies classes. Following their trip to the museum, which is November 8<sup>th</sup> this year, they will also have a writing assignment recapping their experience. This has been a great way to teach about the topic within several classes and educate students on a significant historical event.

**Veterans Day Assembly:** The Carbondale Attendance Center's Veterans Day assembly took place on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Hugs 20<sup>th</sup> Century Wars class facilitated the event along with performances by the junior high bands and choirs. Many community members were in attendance and enjoyed the presentation.

**KAY Events:** During the last full week of October the JH KAY students sold Boo Bags, bags of candy, which were delivered on Halloween and collected gently used books which are being donated throughout the communities. Several KAY members visited both the morning and afternoon

preschool classes on November 6<sup>th</sup> to read with the young ones. The JH students had a wonderful experience reading to the preschool kids. KAY will also be coordinating the fall food drive along with the school counselors, November 12-16<sup>th</sup>. A building goal of 500 items has been set. Three local families have been identified to receive a turkey, donated by the Carbondale Thriftway, and Thanksgiving dinner items collected during the food drive. The Thriftway has donated three hams for Christmas dinners as well which will be distributed in December.

**Fall Book Fair:** The fall Book Fair will be open during the week of November 12-16<sup>th</sup>. The hours are flexible, open late Monday evening for Charger Family Night and early on Wednesday for Books and Breakfast. This is a great opportunity to encourage students to read for fun.

**Charger Family Night:** Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> is Charger Family Night. The GBB team will be playing Osawatomie, the Book Fair will be open for business, STARBASE 2.0 kids will be demonstrating their robots, the band will play and the choir will sing, student work/projects will be on display, etc.!! There is no admission to the game that evening. We encourage you to come and spend an exciting evening at CAC.

**5<sup>th</sup>-Grade Grandparent's/VIP Day:** 5<sup>th</sup>-grade students will be hosting their grandparent's or VIPs on Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. The kids have several activities they will be participating in with their guests. The Book Fair will be open for students and their guests to browse through and make purchases.

**Bolt Buddy Lunch:** The CAC Bolt Buddies will be enjoying a family-style lunch on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Teachers are asking a few community volunteers to join their groups as well. BOE members are welcome to eat lunch with the students enjoying a corndog or burrito.

**National Holidays:** There are several National Holidays in November that CAC students and staff will be recognizing which include National Candy Day (4<sup>th</sup>), STEM Day (8<sup>th</sup>), National Kindness Day (13<sup>th</sup>), and National Cake Day (26<sup>th</sup>).

**Fall Concerts:** November 16<sup>th</sup> the 8<sup>th</sup>-grade band and choir concerts will be held at CAC. Due to the need for additional parking and seating the 6<sup>th</sup>-grade band concert as well as the 7<sup>th</sup>-grade band and choir performances will be held on November 28<sup>th</sup> at the high school. Both events will begin at 7:00 p.m.

**Leader In Me:** Jill Driver facilitated the Creating Culture Leader In Me professional development day activities. Many of the ideas presented and reviewed are already somewhat in place within our building. Staff did have time at the end of the day to visit in Action Teams where a couple of goals for CAC were discussed. It was decided that throughout the rest of this year we would like to focus on modeling and teaching appropriate social behaviors to students. Examples discussed were how to greet others with a strong handshake and to look at those you are speaking to. The second goal discussed was to make the entrances to the building welcoming and designate in some way that the north entrance is used when going to the office and the south entrance when heading into ballgames or events held in the gym or cafe.

Many classes are now beginning to focus some of their time on Data Notebooks where students are collecting various pieces of information including their mission statement, goals, and grade progress.